

1 AN ACT  
2 RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES; CREATING THE NATURAL RESOURCE  
3 REVENUE RECOVERY TASK FORCE.  
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5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

6 Section 1. FINDINGS. -- The legislature finds that:

7 A. many federal laws enacted to assist rural  
8 economies have had unintended negative consequences;

9 B. many New Mexico citizens rely on small family  
10 farms and ranches for their livelihood, and agriculture and  
11 extractive resource industries play a major role in the  
12 state's economy as a whole;

13 C. many New Mexico consumers rely on locally  
14 produced food for their families; and

15 D. unintended consequences of law have created  
16 economic hardship throughout rural New Mexico and have  
17 harmed the state's economy.

18 Section 2. NATURAL RESOURCE REVENUE RECOVERY TASK  
19 FORCE-- CREATED-- MEMBERS-- DUTIES. --

20 A. There is created in the state land office an  
21 advisory task force that shall be known as the "natural  
22 resource revenue recovery task force".

23 B. The task force shall be composed of nine  
24 members. The speaker of the house of representatives and  
25 the president pro tempore of the senate shall each appoint

1 two members who represent affected counties and are  
2 knowledgeable about agricultural and rural issues. The  
3 governor shall appoint three members and the commissioner of  
4 public lands shall appoint two members who:

5 (1) are county commissioners from affected  
6 counties;

7 (2) represent the different geographic  
8 regions of the state, including north, south, east and west;

9 (3) are knowledgeable about agricultural,  
10 forest, mining or other extractive industries and water  
11 issues; or

12 (4) are nominated by rural counties in the  
13 New Mexico association of counties.

14 C. The task force shall:

15 (1) review and analyze the historical and  
16 current differences between the prices received by  
17 agricultural producers and the prices paid by consumers;

18 (2) gather and compile information on the  
19 impact of the federal laws that affect agriculture and  
20 extraction industries, specifically the Agriculture  
21 Adjustment Act and the National Industrial Recovery Act as  
22 originally enacted;

23 (3) evaluate the United States congress's  
24 original objectives to stabilize commodity prices and rural  
25 income, manage public lands for multiple use, preserve

1 grazing and water rights and foster timber harvests compared  
2 to the laws' outcomes;

3 (4) assess the relationship of these laws  
4 with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, Kearny's Code and the  
5 preservation of New Mexico's private property rights  
6 contained in the United States constitution;

7 (5) define the economic impact of the  
8 Agriculture Adjustment Act and the National Industrial  
9 Recovery Act upon agricultural producers, natural resource  
10 industries and related businesses and the impact on county  
11 and state revenues;

12 (6) develop state policies to counteract  
13 the negative effect of federal law; and

14 (7) report its findings and recommendations  
15 annually by December 1 to the New Mexico legislative council  
16 and the governor.

17 D. The chair of the task force shall be elected  
18 by the task force, and the task force shall meet at the call  
19 of the chair.

20 E. The public members of the task force shall  
21 receive per diem and mileage pursuant to the Per Diem and  
22 Mileage Act.

23 F. The staff for the task force shall be  
24 provided by the state land office.

25 Section 3. TERMINATION OF TASK FORCE--DELAYED REPEAL. -

1 - The natural resource revenue recovery task force is  
2 terminated on July 1, 2007 pursuant to the Sunset Act. The  
3 task force shall continue to operate according to the  
4 provisions of this act until July 1, 2008. Effective  
5 July 1, 2008, this act is repealed. \_\_\_\_\_

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